

POTENTIALLY AVOIDABLE ED VISITS

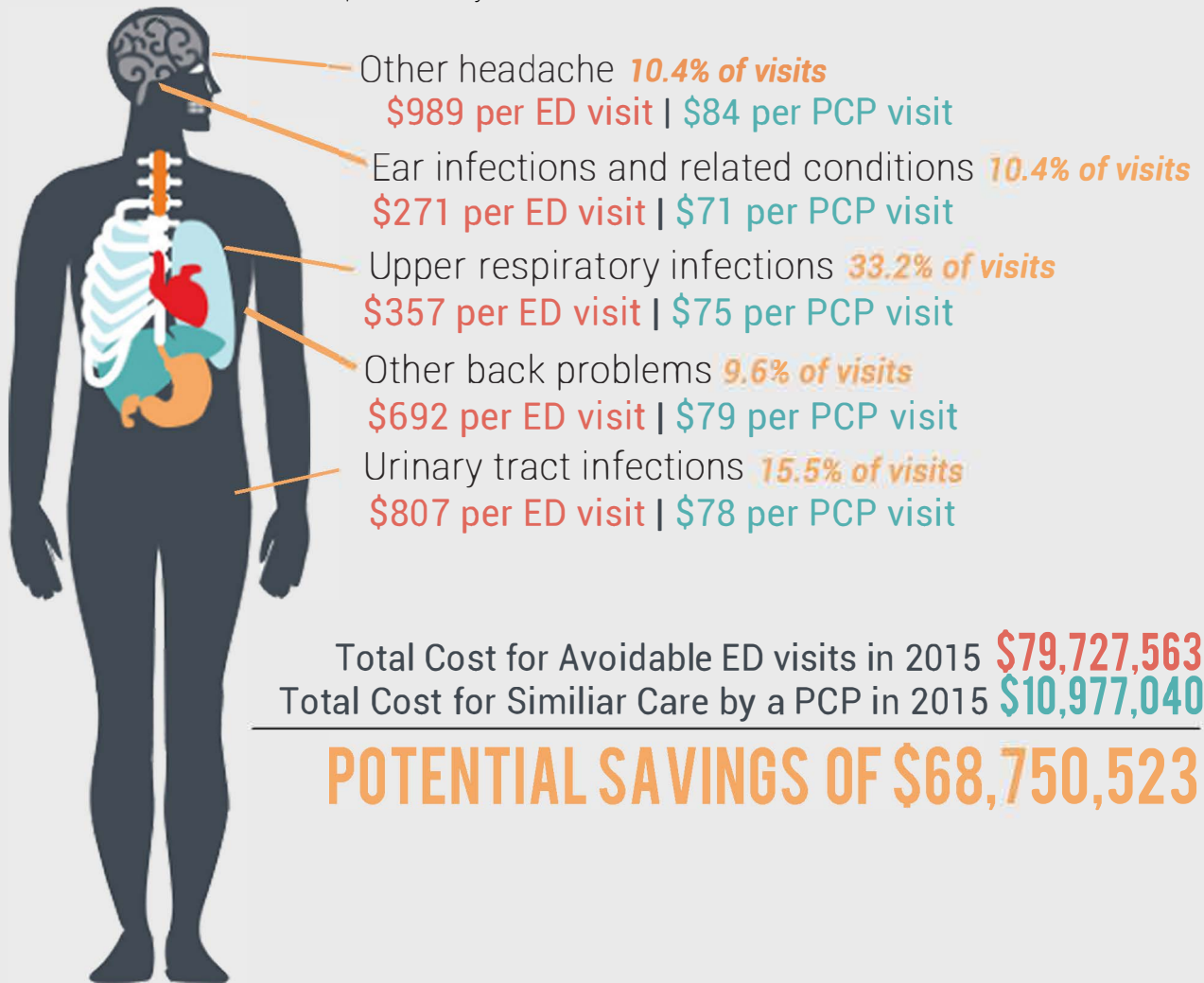
IN 2015



An emergency department (ED) visit is considered **potentially avoidable**¹ when the care provided may have been more appropriately managed by a primary care practitioner (PCP) in a lower cost setting, such as a physician's office.

5 MOST COMMON AVOIDABLE VISITS ACROSS VIRGINIA

Of the 180,890 potentially avoidable ED visits, **79%** were for:



These visits have a large impact on the cost of healthcare for all Virginians. Using data from Virginia's All Payer Claims Database (APCD), Virginia Health Information identified that **over 14%** of the 1.3 million ED visits in 2015 may have potentially been avoided and treated with lower cost care in a PCP's office.

¹Potentially avoidable ED visits were defined using the [California Department of Health Care Services methodology](#)

²All dollar amounts are based on standardized proxy reimbursement amount(s) provided by Virginia's All Payer Claims Database (APCD)